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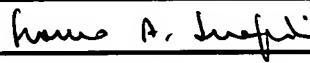
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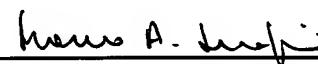
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In response to the Office Action of 06/26/2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

A **Substitute Specification**, both in marked up and clean versions, is enclosed following page 16 of this paper.